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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL ON CUTBACK IN FMS CREDITS FOR THE ROC

1. MARCH 13 CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO (CKSP) EDITORIAL COMMENTED ON AN AP DISPATCH DATED MARCH 10, WASHINGTON WHICH DISCUSSED THE REASONS BEHIND A "SHARP CUTBACK IN US-FINANCED MILITARY CREDIT SALES TO TAIWAN." THE AP DISPATCH WAS CARRIED IN THE MARCH 12 CKSP BUT DID NOT APPEAR IN ANY OF THE OTHER LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

2. THE CKSP EDITORIAL SUPPORTED THE VIEW CONTAINED IN THE AP DISPATCH THAT THE US CUTBACK IN FMS CREDITS FOR THE ROC WAS A GESTURE DESIGNED TO KEEP THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION MOVING. JUDGING FROM STATEMENTS MADE BY KISSINGER AND FORD, THE EDITORIAL ADDED, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE US POLICY OF SEEKING NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. BUT, IT CONTINUED, THE US IS NOT EAGER TO ESTABLISH FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE  
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PRC BECAUSE CHANGES IN THE CCP ARE BEYOND US CONTROL

AND BECAUSE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE US ARE AN OBSTACLE TO  
PROGRESS IN US/ROC RELATIONS.

3. THE EDITORIAL CONDEMNED THE VIEW CONTAINED IN THE AP  
DISPATCH THAT THE CUT IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS JUSTIFIED  
BECAUSE OF THE ROC'S STRONG ECONOMY AND THE NEAR COMPLETION  
OF A FIGHTER ASSEMBLY PLANT. THIS VIEW IS "A LIE DELIVER-  
ATELY CREATED AND SPREAD BY THE PRC TO ELIMINATE UNEASINESS  
ON THE PART OF THE USG AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," THE  
EDITORIAL SAID. IT ADDED THAT THE PRC WANTS TO CONVINCE  
THE US THAT THE ROC WILL CONTINUE TO SURVIVE AND TO  
ENJOY ECONOMIC PROSPERITY EVEN IF THE US AND THE PRC  
ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, IN ORDER TO RID THE US OF  
ITS "MORAL WORRIES" WHEN IT DECIDES TO BETRAY ITS ALLY.

4. COMMENT: IN THE PAST WEEK CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO HAS  
TAKEN THE LEAD IN REPORTING ITEMS ON US MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE AND TROOP WITHDRAWALS. UNGER

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